



EHR Incentive Programs in 2015 through 2017 Objectives and Measures for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)



Objectives for 2015, 2016 and 2017	Measures for Providers in 2015, 2016 and 2017	Alternate Exclusions and/or Specifications for Certain Providers
Objective 1: Protect Patient Health Information	Measure: Conduct or review a security risk analysis in accordance with the requirements in 45 CFR 164.308(a)(1), including addressing the security (to include encryption) of ePHI created or maintained in CEHRT in accordance with requirements under 45 CFR 164.312(a)(2)(iv) and 45 CFR 164.306(d)(3), and implement security updates as necessary and correct identified security deficiencies as part of the eligible hospital or CAH's risk management process.	NONE
Objective 2: Clinical Decision Support	<p>Measure 1: Implement five clinical decision support interventions related to four or more clinical quality measures at a relevant point in patient care for the entire EHR reporting period. Absent four clinical quality measures related to an eligible hospital or CAH's scope of practice or patient population, the clinical decision support interventions must be related to high-priority health conditions.</p> <p>Measure 2: The eligible hospital or CAH has enabled and implemented the functionality for drug-drug and drug allergy interaction checks for the entire EHR reporting period.</p>	<p><i>If for an EHR reporting period in 2015 only, an eligible hospital or CAH is scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1:</i></p> <p>Alternate Objective and Measure 1</p> <p>Objective: Implement one clinical decision support rule relevant to specialty or high priority hospital condition, along with the ability to track compliance with that rule.</p> <p>Measure: Implement one clinical decision support rule.</p>
Objective 3: Computerized Provider Order Entry	<p>Measure 1: More than 60 percent of medication orders created by authorized providers of the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p> <p>Measure 2: More than 30 percent of laboratory orders created by authorized providers of the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p> <p>Measure 3: More than 30 percent of radiology orders created by authorized providers of the eligible hospital's</p>	<p>Alternate Measure 1: For Stage 1 providers in 2015, more than 30 percent of all unique patients with at least one medication in their medication list admitted to the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) during the EHR reporting period have at least one medication order entered using CPOE; or more than 30 percent of medication orders created by the authorized providers of the eligible hospital or CAH for patients admitted to their inpatient or emergency departments (POS 21 or 23) during the EHR reporting period, are</p>

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	or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.	<p>recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p> <p><u>Alternate Exclusion Measure 2:</u> Providers scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2015 may claim an exclusion for measure 2 (laboratory orders) of the Stage 2 CPOE objective for an EHR reporting period in 2015; and, providers scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2016 may claim an exclusion for measure 2 (laboratory orders) of the Stage 2 CPOE objective for an EHR reporting period in 2016.</p> <p><u>Alternate Measure 3:</u> Providers scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2015 may claim an exclusion for measure 3 (radiology orders) of the Stage 2 CPOE objective for an EHR reporting period in 2015; and, providers scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2016 may claim an exclusion for measure 3 (radiology orders) of the Stage 2 CPOE objective for an EHR reporting period in 2016.</p>
Objective 4: Electronic Prescribing	<u>Eligible Hospital/CAH Measure:</u> More than 10 percent of hospital discharge medication orders for permissible prescriptions (for new and changed prescriptions) are queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically using CEHRT.	<u>Alternate Eligible Hospital/CAH Exclusion:</u> The eligible hospital or CAH may claim an exclusion for the eRx objective and measure if for an EHR reporting period in 2015 if they were either scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1, which does not have an equivalent measure, or if they are scheduled to demonstrate Stage 2 but do not select the Stage 2 eRx objective for an EHR reporting period in 2015; and, the eligible hospital or CAH may claim an exclusion for the eRx objective and measure if for an EHR reporting period in 2016 if they were either scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1 in 2015 or 2016, or if they are scheduled to demonstrate Stage 2 but did not intend to select the Stage 2 eRx objective for an EHR reporting period in 2015.
Objective 5: Health	<u>Measure:</u> The eligible hospital or CAH that transitions or refers their patient to another setting of care or	<u>Alternate Exclusion:</u> Provider may claim an exclusion for the Stage 2 measure that

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Information Exchange	provider of care must (1) use CEHRT to create a summary of care record; and (2) electronically transmit such summary to a receiving provider for more than 10 percent of transitions of care and referrals.	requires the electronic transmission of a summary of care document if for an EHR reporting period in 2015, they were scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1, which does not have an equivalent measure.
Objective 6: Patient Specific Education	Eligible Hospital/CAH Measure: More than 10 percent of all unique patients admitted to the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) are provided patient specific education resources identified by CEHRT.	Alternate Exclusion: Provider may claim an exclusion for the measure of the Stage 2 Patient Specific Education objective if for an EHR reporting period in 2015 they were scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1 but did not intend to select the Stage 1 Patient Specific Education menu objective.
Objective 7: Medication Reconciliation	Measure: The eligible hospital or CAH performs medication reconciliation for more than 50 percent of transitions of care in which the patient is admitted to the eligible hospital's or CAH's inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23).	Alternate Exclusion: Provider may claim an exclusion for the measure of the Stage 2 Medication Reconciliation objective if for an EHR reporting period in 2015 they were scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1 but did not intend to select the Stage 1 Medication Reconciliation menu objective.
Objective 8: Patient Electronic Access (VDT)	<p>Eligible Hospital/CAH Measure 1: More than 50 percent of all unique patients who are discharged from the inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) of an eligible hospital or CAH are provided timely access to view online, download and transmit to a third party their health information.</p> <p>Eligible Hospital/CAH Measure 2: For an EHR reporting period in 2015 and 2016, at least 1 patient who is discharged from the inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) of an eligible hospital or CAH (or patient-authorized representative) views, downloads or transmits to a third party his or her health information during the EHR reporting period.</p> <p>For an EHR reporting period in 2017, more than 5 percent of unique patients discharged from the inpatient or emergency department (POS 21 or 23) of an eligible hospital or CAH (or patient authorized representative) view, download or transmit to a third party their information during the EHR reporting period.</p>	Alternate Exclusion Measure 2: Providers may claim an exclusion for the second measure if for an EHR reporting period in 2015 they were scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1, which does not have an equivalent measure.

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Objective 9: Secure Messaging	Not applicable for eligible hospitals and CAHs.	Not applicable for eligible hospitals and CAHs.
Objective 10: Public Health Reporting	<p><u>Measure Option 1 – Immunization Registry Reporting:</u> The eligible hospital or CAH is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit immunization data.</p> <p><u>Measure Option 2 – Syndromic Surveillance Reporting:</u> The eligible hospital or CAH is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit syndromic surveillance data.</p> <p><u>Measure Option 3 – Specialized Registry Reporting:</u> The eligible hospital or CAH is in active engagement to submit data to a specialized registry.</p> <p><u>Measure Option 4 – Electronic Reportable Laboratory Result Reporting:</u> The eligible hospital or CAH is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit electronic reportable laboratory (ELR) results.</p>	<p><u>Alternate Exclusions:</u> <i>Eligible hospitals/CAHs scheduled to be in Stage 1:</i> Must attest to at least 2 measures from the Public Health Reporting Objective Measures 1-4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May claim an Alternate Exclusion for Measure 1, Measure 2, Measure 3 or Measure 4. • An Alternate Exclusion may only be claimed for up to three measures, then the provider must either attest to or meet the exclusion requirements for the remaining measure described in 495.22 (e)(10)(ii)(C). <p><i>Eligible hospitals/CAHs scheduled to be in Stage 2:</i> Must attest to at least 3 measures from the Public Health Reporting Objective Measures 1-4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May claim an alternate exclusion for Measure 3 (Specialized Registry Reporting Measure).